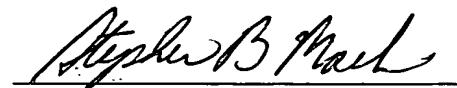


In accordance with the foregoing, examination on the merits is requested. Should there be any questions or should the Examiner wish to discuss any proposal to expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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